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1. Well-informed persons in Belgrade believe that the Russian war potential is decreasing and as a result there is no present danger of any aggressive armed attack by the Communist bloc. Recent personnel changes in the Soviet Government, in which military leaders took key posts, is considered as an effort on the part of the Politburo to halt the decline in their war potential. The population of the Satellite countries, hostile to their respective Communist regimes, could not easily be pushed into an aggressive war.
2. These same well-informed persons are convinced that an agreement regarding co-existence between the West and Moscow is not possible and that war is inevitable in the near future.

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